



## **Protecting the Public Interest From Predatory Privatization and Outsourcing: A Public Services International Leadership Meeting**

**2-3 DECEMBER 2015 WASHINGTON, D.C. USA**

*Hosted by the [American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees \(AFSCME\)](#)*

The objective of our meeting is to agree on the ways we can strengthen the fight against the global push for privatization, linking national campaigns to regional and global dynamics. Union leaders at the meeting are familiar with the threats of privatization, so we will not provide new research papers. Several participants will provide short, informal remarks to assist in framing our discussions, but the focus will be on a free exchange of participants' experiences and perspectives to identify common challenges, opportunities, and commitments for future collective action at the global level. All participants will be afforded ample time to explore relevant issues and make proposals for future action.

Also, we will meet with policy leaders from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the U.S. Government led by Treasury. All of these meetings will take place at AFSCME headquarters and will provide an opportunity to express our concerns about the policies and programs that encourage privatization through the international financial institutions (IFIs). Participants will have ample time to question and engage these officials during our meetings.

### **Location:**

**American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)**

1625 L Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20036-5687

### **Dates:**

December 2-3, 2015

**Translation:** English-Spanish, English-Japanese

## Wednesday, December 2nd

- 9am **Welcome**  
*President Lee Saunders, AFSCME*  
*General Secretary Rosa Pavanelli, PSI*
- 9:30-10:45 a.m. **Patterns of privatization around the world**
- Actors and Agents – finance, government, business and global institutions
  - Funding and Finance – tax, austerity and debt
  - Rules – legislation, trade and conditionality
- Remarks:** *Richard Amparbeng and Julio Lacuerda*
- 10:45am **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Our Strategies and Experiences of Resistance**  
National and Regional Experiences and Responses to Privatization:  
What have we learned?  
**Remarks:** *Lee Saunders, Isolde Kunkel Weber, and Peter Werikhe*
- 12:30pm **Lunch**
- 2-3pm **Tools to fight back – What we have, what we need**
- Organizing and collective bargaining
  - Research and communications resources on actors, trends, etc.
  - Threat detection and coordinated responses
  - Alliances and partnerships
  - Pensions and shareholder activism to prevent privatization and support organizing campaigns
- Remarks:** *Karen Batt and Randi Weingarten*
- 3pm **Coffee Break**
- 3:30-5pm **The IMF and Public Investment Management/Fiscal Issues**  
See: <http://www.imf.org/external/np/fad/publicinvestment/index.htm>  
<http://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/key/fiscal.htm>
- Sanjeev Gupta**  
*Deputy Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department*  
*International Monetary Fund (IMF)*
- David Coaty**  
*Division Chief*  
*Expenditure Policy Division/Fiscal Affairs Department/IMF*
- 5pm **Adjourn**
- 5:15 **AFSCME Hosted Reception**

## Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 9am **Welcome Back**  
*President Lee Saunders, AFSCME*
- 9:15-10:45am **Global Strategies to Fight Back - Commitments and Proposals**  
**Chairs:** *Rosa Pavanelli and Lee Saunders*  
**Remarks:** *David Prentis, Annelie Nordström, and Ritta Thandeka Msibi*
- 10:45-11am **Coffee Break**
- 11am-Noon **William Dorotinsky**  
Advisor, Knowledge, Learning and Partnerships  
Governance Global Practice  
The World Bank Group  
See: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/governance/overview#1>  
*Former Director of Public Service and Performance Practice*
- Noon-2pm **Lunch**
- 2-3:30pm **The United States Government and the IFIs**  
See: <https://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41537.pdf>
- Dan Peters**  
Director of the Office of Development Results and Accountability  
United States Treasury Department
- Molly Brennan**  
Deputy Director, Office of Development Results and Accountability  
U.S. Treasury Department
- Rachel Bayly**  
International Economist, Office of Development Results and Accountability
- Douglas D. Walker, PhD., PH**  
Senior Environmental Advisor, Office of Development Results and Accountability
- Karen Travis**  
International Relations Specialist, U.S. Department of Labor
- Jane Garrido**  
Attorney - International Affairs & USERRA, U.S. Department of Labor
- Laura Sima, PhD**  
Office of Development Finance, U.S. Department of State
- Jessica Slattery**  
Foreign Affairs Officer, United States Department of State

3:30-3:45pm

**Coffee Break**

3:45-4pm

**Closing Comments and Adjourn**

*President Lee Saunders, AFSCME*

*General Secretary Rosa Pavanelli, PSI*